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Wheat Yield Expected to be Lower

According to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service, the winter wheat crop in Maryland is expected to yield an average of 64 bushels per acre, based on May 1 conditions. This average yield, combined with harvested acreage of 150,000 acres, translates to an overall production level of 9,600,000 bushels, 19 percent lower than the harvest in 2002. The average yield is forecast at 2 bushels per acre lower than last year's final average of 66 bushels per acre. According to the Maryland Crop Progress and Condition Report, the condition of the wheat crop for the week ending May 5th was 7 percent excellent, 48 percent good, 31 percent fair, and 9 percent poor, and 5 percent very poor.

US Winter Wheat Production Down 4 Percent

Winter Wheat

	Harvested (1,000 Acres)		Avg. Yield (Bu)		Production (1,000 Bu)	
	2002	2003 ¹	2002	2003 ¹	2002	2003 ¹
Maryland	180	148	66.0	64.0	11,880	9,600
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